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HILL'S MESSAGE TO CHAIRMAN NOVIKOV (TOPICS 10.06, 10.04,

AND JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING)

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1. EMBASSY PLEASE PASS SOONEST FOLLOWING LETTER TO GOSSTROY  
CHAIRMAN NOVIKOV FROM HUD SECRETARY HILLS, AND INFORM  
SIPKO:

2. "DEAR CHAIRMAN NOVIKOV: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OVER THE  
HOLIDAYS CONCERNING THE MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUPS ON  
NEW TOWNS AND ON CONSTRUCTION IN SEISMIC AREAS.

"IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INFORM YOU THAT DAVID O. MEEKER,  
JR., ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT IS SERVING AS THE U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN FOR THE WORKING  
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GROUP ON NEW TOWNS AND WILL LEAD THE DELEGATION TO THE

SOVIET UNION FOR THE WORKING GROUP MEETING WHICH I UNDERSTAND HAS NOW BEEN SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 8-20. THESE ARE THE ONLY DATES DURING WHICH MR. MEEKER WOULD BE ABLE TO VISIT THE U.S.S.R. OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AND WE DID NOT WISH TO FURTHER DELAY THE FIRST MEETING OF THIS WORKING GROUP.

"IN FOLLOWING UP ON YOUR INQUIRY, MY EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH CHARLES THIEL, U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP ON CONSTRUCTION IN SEISMIC AREAS. HE HAS PROPOSED THE LAST TWO WEEKS IN APRIL FOR THE WORKING GROUP MEETING AND STUDY TOUR HERE. MR. THIEL BELIEVES THAT A TWO-WEEK VISIT BY YOUR SPECIALISTS WOULD BE MORE PRODUCTIVE THAN A ONE-WEEK VISIT. HE WILL BE CORRESPONDING VERY SOON WITH HIS COUNTERPART, MR. POLIAKOV, TO ELABORATE HIS CONCEPT OF THE MEETING.

"I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM YOU THAT MR. RONALD STEGALL HAS REPLACED MR. L. WAYNE GERTMENIAN AS MY NEW ASSISTANT FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. MR. STEGALL WILL BE ACCOMPANYING ASSISTANT SECRETARY MEEKER AND LOOKS FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET YOU AND YOUR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR HOUSING/OTHER CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT.

"I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AGAIN, AND TO MY FIRST VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION. CARLA A. HILLS."  
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